

Rodney home on furlough, my first
term at State Normal, Andrew's also.

Head Quarters 3^d Div 9th Reg

Near the Public house Va Nov 3. 1864

Dear Sister Emma

as you are
away now do you want hear
from me and I from you as
I could when you were home
I'll write to you direct. I sup-
-posed I might possibly hear from
you or see you again when I
was at home but I was on the
go all the time so I hardly
got time to visit with Harriet
as much as I ought and didn't
as much as I wanted to but I
had a good visit for all and say-
-ed Mr Well for going home.
Emma the next time I go home
I am in hopes I can remain
there and not have to return
to the Army again. I enjoy
myself here well for I am much

better situated than a great many
I have good Quarters and everyth-
ing to make Me comfortable but
for all it is a blank in a man's
life I consider it as such. It has
been disagreeable weather here part
of this week rained yesterday was
a pleasant day and to day is or
rather but the Wind blows a perfe-
ct hurricane My Tent snaps and
moves around but I guess it will
stand. Has Delia been down after
you again and so very carefull
about telling you why she came
you and Andrew got pretty well
surprised I think. I have rec'd two
Letters from Harriet since My de-
parture I look for one to night from
her. She went with Me to Port-
-roct. Your Mother and Mine also
So you see I had plenty of com-
pany part way. We were to a par-
ty to Cousin Parks the night I
was there had a very good time

but had I known I could have
stayed in Detroit as long as I
now know I would. Much rather
have stayed at home and visited
but as I said the next time I
come home I will give you all
a good long visit. I'll visit so
you will all be glad to have me
go away again. The next Sunday
after I saw you I spent in Balt-
more. I arrived there about eight
A.M. and left at four P.M. and
arrived here at Old Ips the next
(Monday) night about ten o'clock. We
have our Headquarters now in the
same place we did before I came
home. Come down and I'll let you
take my glass and look at them.
I haven't written Delia yet but will
in a few days. I write Harriet
every other day & some of the folks
hear almost every day from me.
I wish I could hear from home as
often. I guess I'll not say any

thing to Andrew this time I can
write to him by & by. I haven't heard
from Fannie since I left Amar
for I am in hopes to hear she
is much better in Harriets next
Letter. Well Emma I'll close for
this time give Love to all and tell
them I am Well.

Good bye with much love
Your Brother

My Sister

Emma Durham

J. D. Mowry

Direct

Head quarters

Third Division

Ninth Army Corps

Via Washington, D.C.

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J. R. Mowry to his sister-in-law,
Emma Benham

He had just returned from a
furlough

